Constitution and By-laws

of the

Lower Brule Sioux Tribe

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LOWER BRULE SIOUX TRIBE

LOWER BRULE, SOUTH DAKOTA

PREAMBLE

We, the Lower Brule Sioux Tribe of the Lower Brule Sioux Reservation, in order to establish a more perfect tribal organization, promote the general welfare, develop better school facilities, conserve and develop our lands and resources, and secure to ourselves and our posterity the power to exercise certain rights of home rule not inconsistent with the Federal, State, and local laws, applicable to Indian tribes, do ordain and establish this constitution for the Lower Brule Sioux Tribe.

ARTICLE I - TERRITORY

SECTION 1. The jurisdiction of the Lower Brule Sioux Tribe of Indians shall extend to the territory within the original boundaries of the Lower Brule Reservation as established by the Act of March 2, 1889, and to all other lands added thereto under any law of the United States.

SECTION 2. The Lower Brule Sioux Reservation shall constitute one (1) voting district. (Amendment II, September 2, 1986)

ARTICLE II - MEMBERSHIP

SECTION 1. The membership of the Lower Brule Sioux Tribe shall consist as follows:

(a) All persons of Indian blood whose names appear on the official census roll of the tribe as of April 1, 1935, and, after the effective date of this amended constitution, only such other persons who are of Lower Brule Sioux Indian blood and whose names appear on the official census roll of September 2, 1958.

(b) All children born to any member of the Lower Brule Sioux Tribe who is a resident of the reservation at the time of the birth of said children but children born to any member after the effective date of this amended constitution and possessing at least one-fourth degree Lower Brule Indian blood shall be members regardless of the residence of their parents at the time of their birth.

SECTION 2. The Tribal Council shall have the power to promulgate ordinances subject to the review by the Secretary of the Interior covering future membership and the adoption of new members provided only that no person may be adopted who is not a resident of the reservation.

ARTICLE III - GOVERNING BODY

SECTION 1. The governing body of the Lower Brule Sioux Tribe shall consist of a Council, known as the Lower Brule Sioux Tribal Council, hereinafter designated as the "Tribal Council".

SECTION 2. The voters shall elect at large a Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Treasurer and three Councilmen. (Amendment II, September 2, 1986)

SECTION 3. The Tribal Council so organized shall elect from within or outside of its own members (1) a Secretary, (2) a Sergeant at Arms, (3) a Chaplain, and (4) other such officers and committees as may be deemed necessary, but such other officers and committees shall have no vote in the Tribal Council. (Amendment II, September 2, 1986)

SECTION 4. The members of the present Tribal Council shall hold office until the next regular election at which time all of the terms shall expire and new councilmen shall be elected in accordance with this article of this amended constitution. The elected councilmen shall serve for two years. (Amendment II, September 2, 1986)

ARTICLE IV - ELECTIONS

SECTION 1. All enrolled resident members of the Lower Brule Sioux Tribe eighteen (18) years of age or over shall be eligible to register and vote but no one may vote unless he has maintained a legal residence within the reservation for a period of one year immediately prior to the election. Individuals incarcerated in jails or prisons shall not be eligible to vote in general, special, or referendum elections. (Amendment I, June 17, 1974 and Amendment II, September 2, 1986)

SECTION 2. Except for the first Tribal election held under this amended constitution, elections shall be held on the first Tuesday of September in even numbered years in accordance with procedures enumerated in this constitution. In the event the Tribal Council fails to select an Election Board at the June regular meeting of each election year, the Superintendent shall do so within 30 days of the June meeting. (Amendment II, September 2, 1986)

SECTION 3.

(a) Except for the first Tribal election held under this amended constitution, the Council shall appoint a five (5) member election Board plus five (5) alternates at the regular June council meeting each election year. The Election Board shall then from its members elect a Chairman and shall act independently in carrying out its duties.

(b) Qualifications of Election Board Members:

1. Twenty-one (21) years of age.

2. May not be an immediate relative of a candidate for office. Relative is defined as father, mother, spouse, brother, sister, child (by birth, marriage or adoption).

3. Shall not have been convicted of a felony in the last ten (10) years by an Indian, State, or Federal Court.

(c) Nominations of candidates for the Tribal Council shall be by petition signed by not less than five (5) legal, registered voters. A voter may sign only one petition.

(d) Except for the first Tribal election held under this amended constitution, petitions for nomination along with a filing fee, shall be filed with the Chairman of the Election Board, on or before the third Friday in June of each election year.

(e) Except for the first Tribal election held under this amended constitution, the list of qualified candidates shall be posted by the Chairman of the Election Board the second Monday of July of each election year. (Amendment II, September 2, 1986)

SECTION 4. Economic Rights. All members of the Tribe shall be accorded equal opportunity to participate in the economic resources and activities without prejudice. (Amendment II, September 2, 1986)

SECTION 5. Civil Liberties. All members of the Tribe may enjoy without hinderance freedom of worship, conscience, speech, press, assembly, and association. (Amendment II, September 2, 1986)

SECTION 6. Certification of Election. It shall be the duty of the members of the Election Board appointed by the Tribal Council, to certify the results of the election by posting in the Tribal Office, Bureau of Indian Affairs office and other places as appropriate. This shall be done within three (3) days after the election. Any appeal to the certification must be filed with the Tribal Court within five (5) days. The Court shall render its decision within twenty (20) days. Any appeal will not hinder the installation of council members. (Amendment II, September 2, 1986)

SECTION 7. Installation of Councilmen. Newly elected members who have been duly certified by the Election Board shall be installed at the October meeting of the Tribal Council following the election upon subscribing to the following oath administered by the Chief Judge.

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regular tribal election. Upon receipt of such petition the Tribal Council shall, within five (5) days, notify the official(s) of the charges against him and provide no less than ten (10) days to respond to such charges in writing. The Tribal Council, no less than five (5) days after receipt of the accused official's reply to the charges shall determine whether or not to call an election on the recall petition. Should the Tribal Council decide to not call an election for the recall of an elected official, the petitioners shall file within thirty (30) days to the Lower Brule Sioux Tribal Court for review. If the official in question is a member of the judicial system, the appeal would be to the appellate court. If the official is recalled by an election, the Tribal Council shall declare the position vacant and fill in accordance with Articles 1 or 3 of this section. (Amendment III, September 2, 1986)

SECTION 5. Code of Ethics for all elected or selected officials. Gross neglect and improper conduct of Article V, Vacancies and Removal from office should be interpreted by the Tribal Council in accordance with these definitions.

(a) Gross Neglect - As evidenced through any or all of the following as determined by the Tribal Council:

1. Gross incompetency - Unable or unwilling to perform the duties of office.

2. Inability to handle private affairs as evidenced through garnishment proceedings or court actions ordering payments of delinquent loans or debts.

3. Abandonment of office - Not attending three consecutive tribal council meetings or moving off of the Lower Brule Sioux Reservation.

4. Excessive absenteeism - Five days of unexcused absence in any thirty (30) day period.

(b) Improper Conduct - Determined by Tribal Council:

1. Converting tribal property or monies without authorization through omisssion or misrepresentation of facts.

2. Misuse of office - Unauthorized personal use of tribal equipment, manpower, or materials.

3. Public conduct so as to question the integrity or endanger the Lower Brule Sioux Tribe or its members, including but not limited to illegal sale of intoxicants, bootlegging, dope and controlled substances, or misuse of firearms.

4. Malfeasance of office - Including gross partiality or oppression.

(c) Improper Conduct - Convictions by legal courts:

1. Conviction of a felony.

2. Three low-misdemeanor convictions within a twelve (12) month period.

3. Crimes in office- Corruption, extortion, fraudulent claims for compensations - salary, mileage, per diem during an unexcused absence or an unaccountable period of time.

4. Contempt of Court.

5. Any high-misdemeanor, including, but not limited to malicious mischief, statutory rape, hit and run, assault, battery, or assault and battery.

6. Driving while under the influence of alcohol twice in a twelve (12) month period. (Amendment III, September 2, 1986)

ARTICLE VI - POWERS OF THE TRIBAL COUNCIL

SECTION 1. Enumerated Powers. The Tribal Council of the Lower Brule Sioux Reservation shall exercise the following powers, subject to any limitations imposed by the statutes applicable to Indian tribes or the applicable provisions of the Constitution of the United States, and subject further to all express restrictions upon such powers contained in this Constitution and the attached Bylaws:

(a) To employ legal counsel for the protection and advancement of the rights of the Lower Brule Sioux Tribe and its members, the choice of the counsel and fixing of fees to be subject to the approval of the Secretary of the Interior.

(b) To negotiate with the Federal, State, and local governments, on behalf of the tribe and to advise and consult with representatives of the Interior Department on all activities of the Department that may affect the Lower Brule Sioux Reservation.

(c) To advise the Secretary of the Interior with regard to all appropriation estimates or Federal projects for the benefit of the Lower Brule Sioux Reservation prior to the submission of such estimates to the Bureau of the Budget and Congress.

(d) To appropriate for public purposes of the reservation any available funds.

(e) To safeguard and promote the peace, safety, morals, and general welfare of the Lower Brule Sioux Tribe and to regulate the conduct of trade and the use and disposition of property upon the reservation provided that any ordinance directly affecting non-members of the reservation shall be subject to review by the Secretary of the Interior.

(f) To regulate the inheritance or testamentary disposition of property, real and personal, other than allotted lands, within the territory of the Lower Brule Sioux Reservation subject to review by the Secretary of the Interior.

(g) To provide for the appointment of guardians for minors and mental incompetents by ordinance or resolution, subject to review by the Secretary of the Interior.

(h) To adopt resolutions regulating the procedure of the Council itself and of other tribal agencies and tribal officials of the reservation.

(i) To enact resolutions or ordinances consistent with Article II of this Constitution governing future membership and the roll of the members of the Lower Brule Sioux Tribe.

(j) To promulgate and enforce ordinances, which shall be subject to review by the Secretary of the Interior, governing the conduct of persons on the Lower Brule Sioux Reservation, and providing for the maintenance of law and order and the administration of justice by establishing a reservation court and defining its duties and powers. (Amendment IV, September 2, 1986)

(k) To exclude and remove from the restricted lands of the Lower Brule Sioux Reservation persons not legally entitled to reside therein, under ordinances which shall be subject to review by the Secretary of the Interior.

(l) To levy taxes upon members of the Lower Brule Sioux Tribe and to levy taxes or license fees, subject to review by the Secretary of the Interior, upon non-members doing business within the reservation.

(m) As authorized by law, to manage, lease, permit, sell, or otherwise deal with tribal lands, interests in lands or other tribal assets; and to purchase or otherwise acquire lands or interests in lands within the reservation.

(n) To purchase or acquire, under condemnation proceedings in courts of competent jurisdiction, land or other property needed for public purposes, subject to the approval of the Secretary of the Interior.

(o) To prevent the sale, disposition, lease or encumbrance of any tribal lands, interest in lands or other tribal assets without the consent of the Tribal Council.

(p) To manage any and all economic affairs and enterprises of the Lower Brule Sioux Tribe and to engage in any business not contrary to state or federal law applicable to Indian Tribes that will further the economic development of the tribe or its members and to use tribal funds or other tribal resources for such purposes.

(q) To delegate to subordinate boards, cooperative associations which are open to all members of the tribe, tribal officers, committees, delegates or other tribal groups, any of the foregoing powers reserving the right to review any action taken by virtue of such delegated power.

(r) To promulgate ordinances prohibiting the sales, exchange, and possession of any intoxicant on the Lower Brule Sioux Reservation as defined by the Act of March 2, 1889. (Amendment VII, September 2, 1986)

(s) To establish such tribal corporations as necessary to develop and operate Tribal business entities and to delegate such council powers to such corporations as necessary to conduct business, reserving the right of review of any action taken by virtue of such delegated power, and to rescind establishment and delegation of powers. Amendment IV, September 2, 1986)

SECTION 2. Manner of Review. Any resolution or ordinance which by terms of this Constitution is subject to review by the Secretary of the Interior shall be presented to the Superintendent of the Reservation who shall within 10 days after its receipt by him approve or disapprove the same.

If the Superintendent shall approve any ordinance or resolution it shall thereupon become effective but the Superintendent shall transmit a copy of the same, bearing his endorsement, to the Secretary of the Interior, who may within ninety (90) days from the date of approval, rescind the said ordinance or resolution for any cause, by notifying the Tribal Council of such decision.

If the Superintendent shall refuse to approve any resolution or ordinance submitted to him, within ten (10) days after its receipt by him he shall advise the Tribal Council of his reasons therefor. If these reasons appear to the Tribal Council insufficient, it may, by a majority vote, refer the ordinance or resolution to the Secretary of the Interior, who may, within ninety (90) days from the date of its referral, approve or reject the same in writing, whereupon the said ordinance or resolution shall be in effect or rejected accordingly.

SECTION 3. Future Powers. The Tribal Council of the Lower Brule Sioux Reservation through appropriate amendment of this Constitution may exercise such further powers as may in the future be delegated to the Tribal Council by the Secretary of the Interior or by any other duly authorized official or agency of the government.

SECTION 4. Reserved Powers. Any rights and powers heretofore vested in the Tribe or Band of the Lower Brule Sioux Reservation but not expressly referred to in this Constitution, shall not be abridged by this article, but may be exercised by the people of the Lower Brule Sioux Reservation through the adoption of appropriate bylaws and constitutional amendments.

SECTION 5. When the approval or review by the Secretary of the Interior is required of any particular action of the Tribal Council, the Secretary where permitted by law may in writing waive this requirement for such periods as he in his sole discretion deems fit.

ARTICLE VII - JUDICIAL

SECTION 1. There shall be a judicial branch comprised of an appellate court, a tribal court consisting of one chief judge with supportive staff.

SECTION 2. Judges shall be elected by the eligible voters for a term of four (4) years subject only to a recall election for cause allowing due process as defined by tribal ordinance.

SECTION 3. The procedures for the maintenance of law and order and administration of justice shall be defined by the tribal council in accordance with Article VI, Section 1 of this constitution. (Amendment II and VI, September 2, 1986)

ARTICLE VIII - REFERENDUM

Upon a petition of at least 50% of the eligible voters of the Lower Brule Sioux Tribe as defined in Article IV, Section I or upon the request of a majority of the Tribal Council, any enacted or proposed ordinance or resolution of the Tribal Council shall be submitted to a popular referendum and the vote of a majority of the qualified voters voting in such referendum shall be conclusive and binding on the Tribal Council.

ARTICLE IX - AMENDMENTS

This Constitution and Bylaws may be amended by a majority vote of the qualified voters of the Tribe voting at an election called for that purpose by the Secretary of the Interior provided that at least thirty percent (30%) of those entitled to vote

shall vote in such election but no amendment shall become effective until it shall have been approved by the Secretary of the Interior. It shall be the duty of the Secretary of the Interior to call an election on any proposed amendment at the request of five sixths (5/6) of the Tribal Council, the Chairman thereof having the right to vote thereon. (Amendment II, September 2, 1986)

BY LAWS

OF THE

LOWER BRULE SIOUX TRIBE

ARTICLE I - DUTIES OF OFFICERS

SECTION 1. Chairman of the Tribal Council. The Chairman of the Tribal Council shall preside over all meetings of the Tribal Council, shall perform all duties of a Chairman, and exercise any authority delegated to him by the Tribal Council.

SECTION 2. Vice-Chairman of the Tribal Council. The Vice-Chairman of the Tribal Council shall assist the Chairman when called upon to do so and in the absence of the Chairman shall preside. When so presiding he shall have all the rights, privileges, and duties as well as the responsibilities of the Chairman.

SECTION 3. Treasurer of the Tribal Council. The Treasurer of the Tribal Council shall accept, receive, receipt for, preserve, and safeguard all funds in the custody of the Tribal Council, whether same be tribal funds or special funds for which the Tribal Council is acting as trustee or custodian. He shall deposit all funds in such bank or elsewhere as directed by the Tribal Council and shall make and preserve a faithful record of such funds and report on all receipts and expenditures and the amount of all funds in his possession or custody, such report being made in writing to the Tribal Council at regular meetings and such other times as requested by the Tribal Council. He shall not pay out or otherwise disburse any funds in his possession or custody, or in the possession or custody of the Tribal Council, except when properly authorized to do so by resolution duly passed by the Tribal Council. The books and records of the Treasurer shall be audited at least once each year by a competent auditor employed by the Tribal Council and at such times as the Tribal Council or Assistant Secretary of the Interior may direct. He shall be required to give a bond satisfactory to the Tribal Council and to the Assistant Secretary of the Interior. He shall be present at all special or regular meetings of the Tribal Council. (Amendment II, September 2, 1986)

SECTION 4. Secretary of the Tribal Council. The Secretary of the Tribal Council shall conduct all tribal correspondence and shall keep an accurate record of all matters transacted at Tribal Council meetings. It shall be his duty to submit promptly to the Superintendent of the jurisdiction and Assistant Secretary of

Interior copies of all minutes of regular and special meetings of the Tribal Council. He shall be present at all special and regular meetings of the Tribal Council. (Amendment II, September 2, 1986)

SECTION 5. Sergeant at Arms. The Sergeant at Arms shall be present at all meetings of the Tribal Council, and shall maintain order within the Tribal Council chamber and perform such other duties as may be designated by the Tribal Council. He shall serve all summonses emanating from the Tribal Council and shall make proper return of same.

SECTION 6. Chaplain of the Tribal Council. The Chaplain of the Tribal Council shall perform such duties as the Tribal Council may direct.

SECTION 7. Appointive Officers. The duties of all appointive boards or officers of the community shall be clearly defined by resolution of the Tribal Council at the time of their creation or appointment. Such boards and officers shall report, from time to time as required, to the Tribal Council and their activities and decisions shall be subject to review by the Tribal Council upon the petition of any person aggrieved. (Amendment II, September 2, 1986)

ARTICLE II - DUTIES OF MEMBERS

It shall be the duty of each member of the Tribal Council to make reports to the general membership of the Tribe concerning the proceedings of the Tribal Council. The Tribal Council shall be responsible for the care and administration of all tribal property and equipment under resolutions or ordinances adopted by the Tribal Council, such resolutions and ordinances subject to review by the Secretary of the Interior. (Amendment II, September 2, 1986)

ARTICLE III - COMPENSATION

The officers and members of the Tribal Council shall serve without compensation but the Tribal Council may prescribe for each officer and councilman a stipend for each regular meeting attended in an amount as deemed appropriate from such approved budgeted trust funds. (Amendment II and V, September 2, 1986)

ARTICLE IV - MEETINGS

SECTION 1. The regular meeting of the Tribal Council shall be held the first Wednesday of each month at the Lower Brule Community Hall or such other place on the reservation designated by the Tribal Council. Special meetings may be called by the Chairman or by the majority of the Tribal Council and when so called the Tribal Council shall have the power to transact business as in regular meetings. (Amendment II and V, September 2, 1986)

SECTION 2. Quorum. No business shall be transacted unless a quorum is present. A quorum shall consist of five (5) council members. (Amendment II and V, September 2, 1986)

SECTION 3. Order of Business. The order of business shall be determined by resolution of the Tribal Council. (Amendment II and V, September 2 1986)

SECTION 4. Ordinances and resolutions. All final decisions of the Tribal Council on matters of general and permanent interest to the members of the Tribe shall be embodied in ordinances. Such ordinances shall be collected and published from time to time for the information and education of the members of the Tribe.

All final decisions of the Tribal Council on matters of temporary interest (such as action on the reservation budget for a single year, or petitions to Congress or the Secretary of the Interior) or relating especially to particular individuals or officials (such as adoptions of members, instructions for tribal employees or rules of order for the Tribal Council) shall be embodied in resolutions. Such resolutions shall be recorded in a special book which shall be open to public inspection.

All questions of procedure (such as acceptance of committee reports or invitations to outsiders to speak) shall be decided by motion duly passed or by the ruling of the Chairman if no objection is heard.

In all instances, resolution, or motions the duly elected councilmen may act by two third (2/3) majority vote of the full Tribal Council, but all matters of importance shall be fully discussed and a reasonable attempt shall be made to secure unanimous agreement. The Chairman shall only vote to break a tie. (Amendment II and V, September 2, 1986)

ARTICLE V - NATIONAL SIOUX COUNCIL

SECTION 1. The Tribal Council shall have the power to select delegates to sit in the National Sioux Councils. (Amendment II, September 2, 1986)

ARTICLE VI - ADOPTION

This amended Constitution and Bylaws attached hereto shall be in full force and effect whenever a majority of the adult voters of the Lower Brule Sioux Tribe voting at an election called by the Secretary of the Interior in which at least thirty (30) percent of the eligible voters shall vote, shall have ratified such Constitution and Bylaws, and the Secretary of the Interior shall have approved same, as provided in the Act of June 18, 1934, as amended by the Act of June 15, 1935. (Amendment II, September 2, 1986)

CERTIFICATION OF ADOPTION

Pursuant to an order, approved September 5, 1935, by the Secretary of the Interior, the attached constitution and bylaws were submitted for ratification to the Indians of the Lower Brule Reservation and were on October 5, 1935, duly adopted by a vote 123 for, and 42 against, in an election in which over 30 percent of those entitled to vote cast their ballots, in accordance with section 16 of the Indian Reorganization Act of June 18, 1934 (48 Stat. 984), as amended by the act of June 15, 1935 (Public, No. 147, 74th Cong.).

HARRY BIG EAGLE,
Chairman of Election Board.
DAN QUILT,
Chairman of Lower Brule Sioux Tribal Council.
THOMAS EAGLE THUNDER,
Secretary of Lower Brule Sioux Tribal Council.
JAMES H. HYDE,
Superintendent.

I, Harold L. Ickes, the Secretary of the Interior of the United States of America, by virtue of the authority granted me by the act of June 18, 1934 (48 Stat. 984), as amended, do hereby approve the attached Constitution and Bylaws of the Lower Brule Sioux Tribe of the Lower Brule Reservation.

All rules and regulations heretofore promulgated by the Interior Department or by the Office of Indian Affairs, so far as they may be incompatible with any of the provisions of the said Constitution or Bylaws, are hereby declared inapplicable to the Lower Brule Sioux Tribe of the Lower Brule Reservation.

All officers and employees of the Interior Department are ordered to abide by the provisions of the said Constitution and Bylaws.

Approval recommended:

A. C. MONAHAN,
Acting Commissioner of Indian Affairs.

(SEAL)

HAROLD L. ICKES,
Secretary of the Interior.

WASHINGTON, D. C., November 27, 1935.

AMENDMENTS TO 1935 CONSTITUTION

C E R T I F I C A T I O N

Pursuant to an order, approved December 9, 1941, by the Assistant Secretary of the Interior, the attached Amendment to the Constitution and Bylaws for the Lower Brule Sioux Tribe of the Lower Brule Reservation, South Dakota, was submitted for ratification to the qualified voters of the Tribe, and on February 4, 1942, was adopted by a vote of 57 for, and 50 against, in an election in which more than 30 percent of those entitled to vote cast their ballots in accordance with section 16 of the Indian Reorganization Act of June 18, 1934 (48 Stat. 984), as amended by the Act of June 15, 1935 (49 Stat. 378).

DANIEL QUILT, SR.
Chairman, Tribal Council.
HARVEY BIG EAGLE,
Secretary, Tribal Council.

P. L. HALLMAN,
Superintendent, Crow Creek Agency.

I, Oscar L. Chapman, the Assistant Secretary of the Interior of the United States of America, by virtue of the authority granted me by the Act of June 18, 1934 (48 Stat. 984), as amended, do hereby approve the attached Amendment to the Constitution and Bylaws for the Lower Brule Sioux Tribe of the Lower Brule Reservation.

Approval recommended: April 13, 1942.

J. C. MCCASKILL,
Assistant to the Commissioner.

OSCAR L. CHAPMAN,
Assistant Secretary.
(SEAL)

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 18, 1942.

PRESENT CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS

CERTIFICATION OF ADOPTION

Pursuant to an order, approved April 20, 1960, by the Assistant Secretary of the Interior, the attached amended Constitution and Bylaws for the Lower Brule Sioux Tribe of the Lower Brule Reservation, South Dakota, was submitted for adoption to the qualified voters of the Lower Brule Tribe of the Lower Brule Reservation and was on June 14, 1960, duly adopted by a vote of 105 for, and 47 against, in an election in which at least thirty percent of those entitled to vote cast their ballots in accordance with Section 16 of the Indian Reorganization Act of June 18, 1934 (48 Stat. 984), as amended by the Act of June 15, 1935, October 18, 1935, and March 24, 1938.

J. W. THOMPSON,
Chairman, Lower Brule Sioux Tribal Council

JOYCE ESTES,
Secretary, Lower Brule Sioux Tribal Council

C. H. BEITZEL,
Superintendent, Pierre Agency, Pierre, South Dakota

APPROVAL

I, Roger Ernst, Assistant Secretary of the Interior of the United States of America, by virtue of the authority granted me by the Act of June 18, 1934 (48 Stat 984), as amended, do hereby approve the attached amended Constitution and Bylaws of the Lower Brule Sioux Tribe of the Lower Brule Indian Reservation, South Dakota, as adopted by the Indians of the Lower Brule Indian Reservation on June 14, 1960.

Approval recommended:

Glen F. Emmons,
Commissioner of Indian Affairs

Roger Ernst,
Assistant Secretary of the Interior

WASHINGTON, D. C., July 15, 1960.